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FOLLOWING REPEAT NICOSIA 1921 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO CAIRO DAMASCUS BEIRUT TRIPOLI ALGIERS TEL AVIV JIDDA
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QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 1921

BEIRUT PASS USINT BAGHDAD

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CY,PFOR, XF
SUBJECT: MAKARIOS' TOUR OF ARAB STATES: SECOND PHASE

1. HAVING DONE THE GULF STATES LAST MONTH, MAKARIOS LEAVES JUNE 16 FOR TOUR OF OTHER ARAB STATES AS FOLLOWS: CAIRO THREE DAYS, DAMACUS THREE, BAGHDAD TWO (BEIRUT WAS TO HAVE BEEN SANDWICHED BETWEEN DAMASCUS AND BAGHDAD BUT HAS BEEN CANCELLED OWING TO POLITICAL SITUATION THERE), LIBYA TWO, AND ALGIERS TWO DAYS IF BOUMEDIENNE IS TO BE IN COUNTRY AT THAT TIME.

2. ARCBISHOP TELLS ME (A) HIS VISITS TO ARAB STATES ARE PART OF A GENERAL EFFORT TO SUSTAIN INTERNATIONAL INTEREST IN CYPRUS PROBLEM, AND (B) HE CONTEMPLATES NO CHANGE IN GOC'S GOOD RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

3. IN FACT, THERE IS SOMETHING MORE THAN THAT TO THESE CONFIDENTIAL

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VISITS. MAKARIOS HAS ALWAYS FELT IT EXPEDIENT LEAN SOMEWHAT TOWARD ARABS BECAUSE OF VOTING STRENGTH IN UN. TRADITIONALLY, HE HAS BEEN ENCOURAGED IN THIS BY HIS MARXIST/SOCIALIST PERSONAL PHYSICIAN, DR. LYSSARIDES, WHO SERVES AS HIS GO-BETWEEN WITH ARABS

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BOTH STRAIGHT AND SEAMY, AND UNLOVABLE EX-FONMIN KYPRIANOU.
AT PRESENT JUNCTURE, HE HAS ADDED MOTIVE OF UPSTAGING
TURKISH EFFORTS WITH ARABS WHICH STRESS THE MOSLEM LINK.
ON MAKARIOS' PRESENT ASSESSMENT, HE IS HAVING FAIR
SUCCESS IN COUNTERACTING TURKISH EFFORTS, WITH ONLY SAUDI
ARABIA, IRAN AND LIBYA LISTENING SERIOUSLY TO TURKEY. GOC
TELLS US IT HAS BEEN HAVING QUIET CONTACTS WITH IRAQ THROUGH
IRAQI AMBASSADOR IN BEIRUT AND BELIEVES IRAQ CAN NO LONGER
BE COUNTED ON BY TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO RECOGNIZE THEIR SELF-
PROCLAIMED STATE (TFSC) SHOULD IT ANNOUNCE OUTRIGHT
INDEPENDANCE. OUR SOURCES CITE FACT OF BAGHDAD'S INVITATION
TO MAKARIOUS AS PROOF OF THE PUDDING.
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